

Return-Path: <barbara>
Date: Wed, 09 Sep 92 16:32:26
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)
To: d87-ewa@pdc.kth.se
Subject: [d87-ewa@pdc.kth.se: WAIS on the CM-200]

I apologize for the delay in writing back to you. I was on vacation, and am just starting to catch up on my mail messages.

Firstly, I want to clarify that WAIS software is available in two forms. The first is freeware, in public domain, and has several different interfaces available. Several databases are already available that contain genetics and protein info.

The second form runs on the supercomputers that Thinking Machines manufactures (like the CM-200). I can not immediately tell by your email address if you are at one of our customer sites.

I have enclosed the WAIS bibliography which lists all sorts of WAIS documents available, as well as the different interfaces for the freeware release.

Let me know if you indeed want information on the Thinking Machine CM software.

thanks,
barbara

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Return-Path: <d87-ewa@pdc.kth.se>
From: d87-ewa@pdc.kth.se
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To: barbara@Think.COM
Subject: WAIS on the CM-200

I recently read the announcement of the package for running a WAIS server on the CM-200. Is the source code for this available as PD or is this a commercial product?

I would like to use it for searching the description texts in a database with protein sequences, used in genetics research. It is a requirement that the wais server can be integrated with the system we have developed so far to handle the database.

Erik Wallin

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Return-Path: <jonathan>
Date: Mon, 29 Jun 92 15:39:36 PDT
From: Jonny Goldman <jonathan@Think.COM>
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To: barbara
In-Reply-To: Jonny Goldman's message of Mon, 29 Jun 92 15:32:04 PDT
<9206292232.AA01839@philo.quake.think.com.>
Subject: [Malcolm Douglas Brown <malcolm@epcc.ed.ac.uk>: Re: WAIS SOFTWARE
ANNOUNCEMENT!!!]

That was a boo-boo. Sorry

Date: Mon, 29 Jun 92 15:32:04 PDT
From: Jonny Goldman <jonathan@Think.COM>

Date: Mon, 29 Jun 92 11:53:14
From: barbara (Barbara Lincoln)

Another taker for the software!

How is this moving, by the way? Anything I can do?

I haven't heard much from anyone. I've gotten a couple of bug reports, and the folks at GE are having a hard time building an index (I sent a note to Tracy). Don't know what more we can/should do.

- Jonny G

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Return-Path: <malcolm@epcc.ed.ac.uk>
Date: Mon, 29 Jun 92 18:57:54 BST
From: Malcolm Douglas Brown <malcolm@epcc.ed.ac.uk>
Subject: Re: WAIS SOFTWARE ANNOUNCEMENT!!!
To: barbara@Think.COM (Barbara Lincoln)
In-Reply-To: Barbara Lincoln's message of Fri, 22 May 92 11:58:43
Organisation: Thinking Machines Corporation

HI,

I'm the AE at the EPCC in Scotland. How do I get hold of the seeker software?

The quickest way would be to FTP the stuff is that possible?

cheers,

Malcolm

PS Do you share an office with Jonny G? If so say hi.

> Introducing the release of the CM2-based RAM WAIS Software application:
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> >>>> Seeker (RAM Version) <<<<<
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> WAIS (Wide Area Information Servers) is an electronic publishing
> software set which allows you to search and retrieve multimedia
> information from databases anywhere in the world.
>
> Seeker has many features:
> * Runs under timesharing
> * Runs on all models of CM-2, CM-2a, and CM-200
> * A high-end WAIS Server
> * Compatible with all WAIS interfaces: Macintosh, UNIX, NeXT,
> DOS, etc.
> * Database up to three times the RAM size of the machine
> * Supports English language queries and relevance feedback
> * Front-end software is PD for easy customization to new formats
> and custom weighting experiments.
> * Sun front ends supported. VAX support might be offered in the
> future.
>
> This new Seeker software allows any CM2 owner to run the high-end WAIS
> server software on their own text files. These services can be
> registered with the directory of servers if other organizations can use
> the resource.
>
> Since this package can run under timesharing, CM sites can run a WAIS
> server in the background, thus only using the CM when needed.
> Completely rewritten from the original CMDRS application, this software
> makes customization easier.
>
> For more information on WAIS, or details on receiving this software,
> contact Barbara Lincoln: barbara@think.com, 415-329-9300 X236, or 1010
> El Camino, Suite 310, Menlo Park, CA, 94025.
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> Announcement May 7th, 1992.
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Seeker 7s

Already have WATS cmdrs?

WATS s/w? which version? (need b5 - will come w/ seeker)

K signed?

CD 6150 tapes to be sent. - ^{for} SONS

Get email for bugs, follow-up, etc...
changes, updates

source for front-end only. distributed in binary.